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Employee Retirement, Recognition Ceremonies Set for 'New' Wells

U Maine's annual Employee Recognition Activities are returning to a familiar though much different venue this year — the newly renovated Wells Conference Center.

The Office of Human Resources has scheduled banquets May 12 to honor employees who are retiring this year, and May 14 to honor outstanding employee award recipients and employees who have reached 25-year, 35-year and 45-year service milestones. President Robert Kennedy and Provost Edna Szymanski will host both banquets.

May 13, traditional campuswide spring coffee breaks are scheduled from 9-11 a.m. and 9-10:30 p.m. in Wells. Employees are invited to attend the coffee break that coincides with their work schedule.

The employee recognition events are among the first events scheduled in the renovated and redecorated Wells Conference Center, a nearly two-year renovation project.

Glenn Taylor and Katherine Kittridge, codirectors of Dining Services, expect the new state-of-the-art kitchen equipment will ensure top-notch meals and consistency.

Steve Weinberger, assistant vice president for Human Resources, is looking forward to the new venue.

"These activities are a wonderful opportunity for the campus to collectively say thanks to our employees," he says. "The fact that the center is available, and

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An artist's rendering of the renovated Wells Conference Center

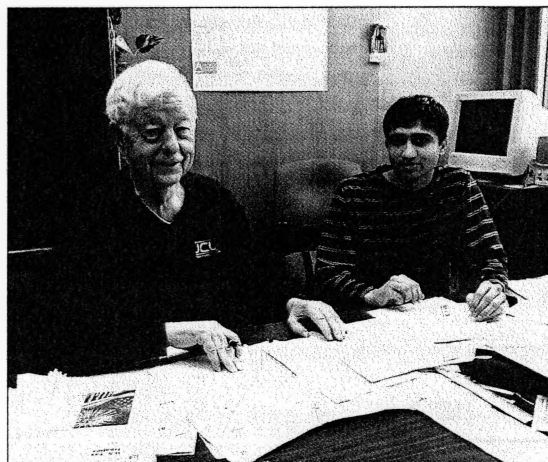
Professor Emeritus Mel McClure 'Still Learning' from Students 16 Years after Retirement

After more than 30 years in the classroom, retired accounting professor Melvin McClure still enjoys being among UMaine students. They keep him young, he says.

A full-time Florida resident since he retired from UMaine in 1992, McClure returns to campus for about a week each spring to help an average of 200 UMaine international students fill out and file tax returns.

In more than 20 years, he's voluntarily helped the Office of International Programs prepare nearly 5,000 student state and federal tax forms.

In the last six or seven years, McClure has stayed during his visits in Estabrooke Hall, eaten meals in the Memorial Union and spent his days and evenings meeting in Winslow Hall with students from dozens of countries. Twenty-minute sessions are scheduled back-to-back from 8:30 a.m. to sometimes 10 p.m.



After retiring and moving to Florida, professor emeritus of accounting Melvin McClure has returned to campus for the last 16 years to help international students with tax returns. Here he works with Sagar Deshpande, a master's student from India.

"I've always liked students. That's why I went into teaching. Teaching is a two-way street, and you learn from students. They keep you young. They show you a different perspective." — Mel McClure

The Dover-Foxcroft native and 1957 UMaine alum was among the business professors who started the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) at UMaine in the 1980s.

In 1986, when the Internal Revenue Service began requiring international student employees and graduate assistants to pay taxes, McClure turned his attention to the international students, who were forced to suddenly navigate complicated United States tax laws.

"Somebody had to do it," McClure recalls. "That was the first time they taxed international students and nobody knew anything about it."

Tax laws for international students involve different forms and allow for different deductions for varying income thresholds, depending on whether the United States has a tax treaty with a student's country of origin. Sometimes students who have worked in several states must file multiple state tax returns.

"Salaries that are tax-exempt are in the range of \$2,000 to \$5,000 depending on the country," he says. "It gets quite involved, but some of them are easy to do."

Correct or incorrect itemizations can save or cost a student hundreds of dollars.

McClure taught accounting at UMaine for 28 years before retiring. He served on the board of directors for the University Credit Union for 22 years before he retired from that position in 2006. In appreciation of McClure's generosity, the Credit Union pays his travel expenses to Maine each spring.

"The Credit Union makes multiple donations to various groups on campus, but this particular cause is close to our organization, as Mel has done so much for UCU over the years," says Credit Union president Matt Walsh.

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Miller Named to Royal Historical Society



Stephen Miller

History professor Stephen Miller has been elected a fellow in the prestigious Royal Historical Society.

The London-based society, founded in 1868 and chartered by Queen Victoria, is the foremost body for those engaged professionally in the study of the past.

The society, with nearly 3,000 fellows and members, draws together individuals from across the globe engaged professionally in researching and presenting public history in archives, libraries, museums or the heritage industry.

The society aims to maintain professional standards within the discipline and represent

the views of its membership to government bodies and the public.

Fellowships are awarded to those who have made "an original contribution to historical scholarship in the form of significant published work, by the organization of exhibitions, collections or conferences, or by the editing of local history serials," the society says.

DePoy, Gilson Accepted for Israel Summer Institute



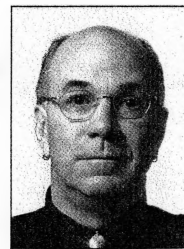
Elizabeth DePoy

Elizabeth DePoy and Stephen Gilson, professors of interdisciplinary disability studies, Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies, and social work, have been awarded faculty fellowships for the 2008 Summer Institute in Israel in June.

They will join 13 faculty members selected from 200 applicants from around the United States.

The two-week Faculty Fellowship Summer Institute in Israel is a competitive academic program. It links scholars from diverse disciplines with Israeli counterparts at major institutions to initiate exchanges and collaborations.

Participants will meet with the prime minister of Israel and with professionals and experts involved in Israel's government, industry, education, media and other sectors, to understand the facets of Israel's evolving national and international policies.



Stephen Gilson

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"This is another way of saying thank you to him, as we know he loves to do this for the students," Walsh says. "We will continue to support Mel and the International Programs Office for as long as Mel continues to want to come and donate his time and effort."

Walsh calls McClure "a wonderful individual, who has always been giving of his knowledge and time."

"His story speaks to the truly compassionate type of individual that Mel is," Walsh says.

For his part, McClure says he is rewarded knowing he is helping students through what can be a trying and otherwise expensive process.

Mireille Le Gal, an administrative assistant for immigration in the Office of International Programs, who helps students with preliminary tax form preparation, says that most private tax preparers charge at least \$100 for the services McClure provides for free.

In addition, few other universities have such a service, she says.

"A lot of our undergraduates who go off to other graduate schools find themselves in a bind because they don't find the same kind of assistance," Le Gal says. She and international student adviser Sarah Joughin say many universities have tax-preparation software for international students, but not the face-to-face assistance McClure provides.

McClure notes that serving international students is a team effort in the Office of International Programs, and adds that the 200 hours or more he puts in each spring is a benefit to him as well as students.

"I've always liked students," he says. "That's why I went into teaching. Teaching is a two-way street, and you learn from students. They keep you young. They show you a different perspective. And I'm still learning."

McClure, who went on from UMaine in 1957 to earn a master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, Urbana, lives on the east coast of Florida with his

wife Jean McClure, associate professor emerita of accounting at UMaine.

Black Bear Food Guild Membership Shares Available

For people who enjoy fresh organic garden produce but have no space for a backyard garden, the University of Maine's Black Bear Food Guild has a solution — membership shares in its community-supported agriculture project.

Full shares, each providing produce to feed a family of four, are \$405; half shares are \$220. The harvest season runs mid-June to October, with produce pickups twice weekly at Rogers Farm on the Bennoch Road in Old Town.

The Black Bear Food Guild is an initiative of UMaine's Sustainable Agriculture Program.

Managing the guild this season are Stephanie Sosinski and David Merrill, both sustainable agriculture majors, and biology major David LaMarche.

For information or to purchase a share, call the Black Bear Food Guild, (207) 356-7376.



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UVAC Receives Grant for 12-Lead EKG

U Maine's Volunteer Ambulance Corps (UVAC) has received a \$23,000 Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation grant to purchase equipment that will help emergency medical technicians more quickly diagnose a heart attack.

The grant is the second received this academic year, according to Shelley Sides, UVAC's chief of service.

Combined with a \$2,500 Consolidated Health Grant, the King Foundation award will be used to equip the ambulance with a LIFEPAK 12, a multipurpose electrocardiogram device with multiple functions, including cardiac and blood pressure monitoring.

The equipment soon will be required for everyone operating at the paramedic level, according to Sides. "This improves our capabilities in the field when time matters," she says. "It allows us to do a lot more for our patients and better enables us as providers."

UVAC expects to put the 12-lead monitor into use in May.

The ambulance currently uses a three-lead electrocardiogram (EKG). The advanced equipment will allow UVAC's emergency medical technicians to detect many more ways the heart may be compromised in an emergency because it offers cardiac monitoring from 12 different angles. The unit also can monitor oxygen levels in the blood through a non-invasive finger clip and carbon dioxide levels in exhaled air to see the effectiveness of assisted breathing.

Started in the mid-1970s, UVAC's team of nearly 50 students responds to approximately 500 emergency calls a year. In addition to serving UMaine students, faculty and staff, it provides standby coverage for area community fire departments. UVAC is unique in the country because it is staffed and primarily run by students and alumni volunteers, says Sides. In addition, many university campuses do not have emergency response services that are equal to those provided by surrounding municipalities.

Because of the efforts to educate the UMaine community and its advanced equipment and staff training levels, the Healthy Maine Partnerships – a Maine Cardiovascular Health Program and Maine Emergency Medical Services collaborative – has designated UMaine a silver-level Heart Safe Community.



Athletic Events



4/11	Baseball vs. Albany	4:00
4/12	Baseball vs. Albany	1:00 & TBA
4/13	Baseball vs. Albany	1:00
4/15	Softball vs. Colby	4:00
4/19	Softball vs. Vermont.....	12:00 & TBA
4/20	Softball vs. Vermont	12:00
4/22	Baseball vs. Thomas	5:00
4/23	Softball vs. BU	3:00
4/25	Baseball vs. Stony Brook	4:00
4/26	Baseball vs. Stony Brook.....	1:00 & TBA
4/27	Baseball vs. Siena.....	4:00
4/30	Baseball vs. Hartford	4:00

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that employees will be able to see it for the first time, I think will add to the celebration."

Colleagues, friends and family members are invited to attend the banquets and help pay tribute to retirees and award recipients.

Tickets are \$22. Employees being honored receive complimentary tickets.

Banquets begin with a social at 5:30 p.m. in the new reception room on the northwest end of the building. Dinner starts at 6 p.m., followed by recognition ceremonies.

Outstanding employee achievement awards will be presented to two employees selected by the Classified Employees Advisory Council and two employees selected by the Professional Employees Advisory Council, in addition to the Presidential Public Service Achievement Award, Presidential Research and Creative Achievement Award and Presidential

Outstanding Teaching Award.

Weinberger says the annual events are "an opportunity for the campus to focus on employees and to acknowledge how valuable the employees are, and how grateful we are for their services."

Employees recognized for their years of service will receive a commemorative plaque and a written tribute, signed by President Kennedy, summarizing their service.

Human Resources expects more than 30 retirees to be recognized this year.

In addition, 36 people will be honored for 25 years of service to the university, seven will be recognized for 35 years of service, and one, Jacqueline Hunter of the School of Marine Sciences, will be honored for 45 years.

The names of honorees and further details about this year's events are available on the Human Resources Web site (www.umaine.edu/hr/recognition).

Calendar

For a full listing of UMaine activities and calendar events, check the Web at:

<http://calendar.umaine.edu>

Save the Date!

Guitar Ensemble
7:30 p.m., April 16
Minsky Recital Hall

Maine Day & GO BLUE!
April 30

Online Resources

UMaine
www.umaine.edu

Inside UMaine
www.umaine.edu/insideumaine

UMaine Today Online
www.umaine.edu/umainetoday

UMaine Today magazine
www.umainetoday.umaine.edu

MaineSci
www.umaine.edu/mainesci

Go Black Bears
<http://goblackbears.collegesports.com>

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Andrei Alyokhin, professor, applied entomology; **Gary Sewell**, senior scientist, biological sciences; and **Raymond Choban**, Chemtura Corporation research scientist, "Reduced Viability of Colorado Potato Beetle, *Leptinotarsa Decemlineata*, Eggs Exposed to Novaluron," *Pest Management Science* (2008).

Steven E. Barkan, professor, sociology, *Criminology: A Sociological Understanding*, 4th ed. (Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Prentice Hall) (2009).

Merrill F. (Pete) Elias, professor, psychology; **Michael A. Robbins**, research professor, psychology; Marc M. Budge, Australian National University, Canberra Hospital, Australia; **Penelope K. Elias**, research professor, psychology; **Gregory A. Dore**, graduate student; Suzanne L. Brennan, research support specialist, Syracuse, N.Y.; Carole Johnston, University of Oxford; Zsuzsanna Nagy, University of Birmingham School of Medicine, U.K., "Homocysteine and Cognitive Performance: Modification by the ApoE Genotype," *Neuroscience Letters* (2008).

Walter Harris, professor and director, Center for Research and Evaluation, **Robert A. Cobb**, professor emeritus and former dean, **Anne E. Pooler**, associate professor and interim dean, and **Constance M. Perry** professor and interim associate dean, College of Education and Human Development, "Implications of P-16 for Teacher Education" in *Phi Delta Kappan, the Journal for Education* (March 2008).

Jane E. Haskell, Extension professor, **Louise Franck Cyr**, Extension professor, and **Gabe McPhail**, Extension volunteer, *Strengthening Your Facilitation Skills, Level 1 Curriculum* (2007); also, a presentation, "Strengthening Your Facilitation Skills," Train the Trainer Conference, Belfast, Maine (August 2007).

Lenard W. Kaye, professor, social work and director, Center on Aging; **Diane Kay**, MSW graduate, School of Social Work; and **Jennifer C. Crittenden**, research associate, Center on Aging, "Intervention with Abused Older Males: Conceptual and Clinical Perspectives," *Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect* (2007).

Rich Kent, professor, education, three-part article, "Team Notebooks: Writing to the Next Level," *Soccer Journal* (National Soccer Coaches Association of America) (March/April 2008, May/June 2008 and July/August 2008).

Julie A. Koester, former graduate student; **Susan H. Brawley**, professor, plant biology; **Lee Karp-Boss**, research professor, marine sciences; and David G. Mann, Royal Botanical Garden, Edinburgh, Scotland, "Sexual Reproduction in the Marine Centric Diatom *Ditylum Brightwellii* (Bacillariophyta)," *European Journal of Phycology* (2007).

Kathleen March, professor, Spanish, an article on translation to English of work by Mariño Carou, "Reflexions sobre a traducción de Maria Mariño Carou ao inglés," *Grial Anuario de Estudios Literarios Galegos* (December 2007).

Wendy Berry Mendes, Harvard University; Brenda Major, University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB); **Shannon McCoy**, professor, psychology; and Jim Blascovich, UCSB, "How Attributional Ambiguity Shapes Physiological and Emotional Responses to Social Rejection and Acceptance," *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* (2008).

Andrew R. Moores, former graduate student; **Robert S. Seymour**, professor, forest resources; and **Laura S. Kenefic**, faculty associate and research forester, U.S. Forest Service, "Height Development of Shade-Tolerant Conifer Saplings in Multi-aged Acadian Forest Stands," *Canadian Journal of Forest Research* (December 2007).

Howard Segal, professor, history, a review essay, "Nineteenth-Century Industrializing Maine: The Way Life Really Was," of Paul Rivard's *Made in Maine*, in *Maine History* (January 2008); also, a review, Jay Winter's *Dreams of Peace and Freedom: Utopian Moments in the Twentieth Century*, in the journal *Technology and Culture* (January 2008); and a presentation, "Dr. Frankenstein, University Creation and Academic Freedom," the Duclos Convocation, University of Southern Maine (March 13, 2008).

Marli F. Weiner, professor, history, a review of *Harvesting Freedom: African American Agrarianism in Civil War Era South Carolina* in the *Journal of Southern History* (February 2008).

Brian Green and **Michael D. Bentley**, former chemistry professors; **Bong Y. Chung**, former graduate student; **Nicholas G. Lynch**, former undergraduate; and **Bruce L. Jensen**, professor, chemistry, "Isolation of Betulin and Rearrangement to Allobetulin: A Biomimetic Natural Product Synthesis," *Journal of Chemical Education* (December 2007).

Betty A. Ingraham, research associate, chemical engineering; **Beth Bragdon**, Ph.D. candidate, biochemistry, microbiology and molecular biology; and **Anja Nohe**, professor, chemical and biological engineering, a review of "Molecular Basis of the Potential of Vitamin D to Prevent Cancer," in *Current Medical Research and Opinion* (2008).

18 University of Maine Faculty Promoted, Tenured

The University of Maine System Board of Trustees promoted or tenured 18 UMaine faculty members at their meeting March 8.

Promoted to professor in the **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences** was Robert A. Brinkley, English, and in the **College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture** were Fei Chai, oceanography, Peter O. Koons, geological sciences and Climate Change Institute, Tsutomu Ohno, soil chemistry, Jonathan D. Rubin, Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center and School of Economics, Mark L. Wells, marine sciences, and Adrienne A. White, human nutrition and foods.

Granted tenure at the rank of professor was David D. Hart, biological sciences in

the **College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture**.

Promoted to associate professor with tenure in the **College of Education and Human Development** were Julie B. Cheville, literacy education, and Shihfen Tu, education and applied quantitative methods, in the **College of Engineering**, M. Clayton Wheeler, chemical engineering, in the **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**, Carla Billitteri, English, Joline Blais, new media, Jack W. Burt, music, David E. Hiebeler, mathematics, John Ippolito, new media, and John R. Thompson, physics, and in the **College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture**, Benildo G. de los Reyes, biological sciences.

MCA Events

Beaux Arts Trio

7 p.m., April 13, Minsky Recital Hall

Moby Dick Rehearsed

The Acting Company

7 p.m., April 15

Delano Auditorium, Castine